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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5&6.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blalock et al., US 5,465,121.

In considering claims 1 and 5,

a) the claimed an image distortion adjustment module...is met by data processing system 24, which is used by the viewer to adjust the displayed test patterns by specifying via user input device 54 the amount of precompensation (col 5, line 33-55, Fig 1-5).

b) the claimed a two-dimensional input unit...is met by user input device 54 which can comprise the user entering a number relating to the number of degrees of precompensation to be applied to the image source.

c) the claimed a parameter setting module...is met by CPU 50 of computer system 24 which is used to implement the compensation program (Fig 5a/5b, col 4, line 12-30).

In considering claim 2,
Blalock discloses that the user input device 54 may be implemented utilizing a keyboard, a mouse, a touch sensitive tablet or screen, a joy stick, a track ball or a

screen activated light pen (col 4, line 12-30). Thus based upon the type of device (e.g. joy stick) the duration or period of time the user holds or adjusts the position of the image values, will vary the adjustment (i.e. longer duration equal more correction, shorter duration equals less correction).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3-4 and 6 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over
Blalock et al., US 5,465,121.

In considering claims 3, 4 and 6,

Blalock does not explicitly recite the use of a menu in implementing menu options, nor a window that indicates the quantity of correction selected. Blalock does disclose as stated above with respect to claim 1, a projection system which is able to precompensate for correction by utilizing a computer 24, where the user can input via various mediums (i.e. joystick, keyboard etc...) the amount of correction desired/selected.

The use of a menu which affords the user options/selections and a indicator which displays the selected/adjusted settings selected by the user are conventional in the art, since the menu's provide the user the ability to select an appropriate item from

the menu, and they also display/indicate to the user the amount of correction/adjustment the user selected, as a confirmation to the user what was selected.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Blalock which discloses a user input device which is able to horizontally/vertically correct for a displayed image, by using a menu which provides the user options (height, width, angle, horizontal/vertical position etc...) which may be selected, and to indicate to the user the adjustments made, which would afford the user the ability to clearly see what items were selected and the amount of adjustment.

- Regarding claim 6 and the terminating the image distortion, given the broadest interpretation of this limitation, Blalock discloses that subsequent to getting a user input (step 92) that in the event there is no more data (step 102) the process terminates. Thus in response to the user's instruction (user input) the process subsequently terminates, thereby meeting the claim as stated.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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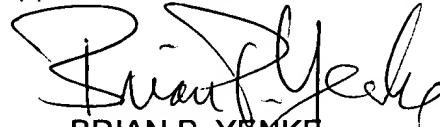
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